

C3 HindIII site of a pUC18 or pQE30 vector was used as a template. The concrete PCR conditions are preferably as follows: 16 cycles at 95 °C for 30 sec, 55 °C for 1 min, and 68 °C for 10 min.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly cancel claims 10 and 15 without prejudice.

Please consider the following amended claims:

C4 9. (Twice Amended) DNA encoding a fluorescent protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1, said sequence consisting of the three mutations Phe64Leu, Val163Ala and Ser175Gly.

C5 12. (Twice Amended) DNA encoding a fluorescent protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1, said sequence consisting of the four mutations Tyr66His, Tyr145Phe, Phe64Leu and Leu236Arg.

C6 14. (Twice Amended) DNA encoding a fluorescent protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1, said sequence consisting of the six mutations Tyr66His, Tyr145Phe, Phe64Leu, Val163Ala, Ser175Gly and Leu236Arg.

C7 17. (Amended) A method of visually analyzing gene expression or protein localization in a cell comprising the steps of:  
(a) providing a cell transected with a vector comprising the DNA of any of claims 8 or 9;

(b) culturing the cells under conditions to express a fluorescent protein encoded

C7 by the vector; and

(c) detecting the presence of the fluorescent protein.

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19. (Amended) A method of visually analyzing gene expression or protein localization in a cell comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a cell transected with a vector comprising the DNA of any of  
C8 claims 11, 12, 13, 14 or 16;

(b) culturing the cells under conditions to express a fluorescent protein encoded by the vector; and

(c) detecting the presence of the fluorescent protein.

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